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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5482
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE COSTS AND FEES IN CERTAIN
ACTIONS BROUGHT AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Energy and Public Utilities, Judiciary

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5482

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Savings, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Minimal Savings and Costs, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Utility Control and Labor

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: It is anticipated that there may be some minimal savings for the state concerning utility costs, associated with utility companies being precluded from including the cost of judgements in their rates until the Departments of Labor and Public Utility Control come up with findings in the utility's favor.

There is no impact on the Department of Public Utility Control or the Department of Labor. There is no additional workload for them as a result of the passage of the bill.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: It is anticipated that there may be some minimal savings for municipalities, concerning utility costs, associated with utility companies being precluded from including the cost of judgements in their rates until the Departments of Labor and Public Utility Control come up with findings in the utility's favor.

There may be some additional costs for municipal utilities who cannot recover the costs of judgements in their rates.

No estimates are possible due to the unpredictability of the number of cases and the resulting judgements.